AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 7 after paragraph 18:

[0019] Fig. 7 is a detailed cut away view of the pre-filter canister of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph 37 of the application as filed with the following replacement paragraph:

[0037] The input of water into the pump 18 is drawn through this turbo filter 22 prior to passage into the pump 18 itself. The pre-filter 22 and skimmer is housed within a canister 20, which has one side defining a plurality of holes in specific pattern. In use, this canister and pump are placed below the surface of the pond. These holes in the canister form openings through which water is drawn into the canister. On the inside of the canister a screen is placed to prevent the passage of large materials into the canister. Within the canister 20 a coiled passageway 24 filled with a filter material 26 is connected to these openings. This coil 24 provides a path through which water will travel until terminating in an exit tube 64 which is connected to the input portion 60 of the pump 18. This exit tube 64 also has an open end 66, which is configured to directly introduce water into the pump 18. When the pump 18 is activated, approximately 85 percent of the water that passes through the pump 18 enters through the circular path 24 in the canister 20 and approximately 15 percent enters through the exit tube 64 directly. The top of the exit tube 64 has a mesh screen [[64]]68 similar to a colander and keeps large material from entering into the pump 18. The filter material 26 in the circular path 24 contains an aluminum frass, made of shredded and folded aluminum pieces. The force of water through this frass 26 causes the cutting and mechanical breakdown of materials such as filamentous algae and other pieces of vegetable matter that may get sucked into the pre-filter 22. This turbo-filter is preferably made of stainless steel, however it may be made of other materials as well.